



CHECK AND DOUBLE CHECK — Private Clifford Lowmyer of 432 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York City is shown getting a complete physical check-up at the Army Air Forces Redistribution Station Number 1 at Atlantic City, New Jersey. The

Medical officer is Captain David L. Cohen, Station Medical Officer whose home is in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (U. S. Signal Corps Photo from Bureau of Public Relations.)

Meritorious Achievements Recorded By Negro Soldiers In War Against Japan

War Department Record Shows Achievements

From Pearl Harbor To Present Boys In Thick Of Fight

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (SNS) — Ever since December 8, 1941, when Private Robert H. Brooks became the first member of the Armed Forces, and probably the American Army, to lose his life at Port Stotsenburg in the Philippines, Negro soldiers have contributed blood, sweat and tears to the cause of freedom in the Pacific.

Ever since April, 1942, when swarthy Negro Engineers streamed ashore from landing craft to whip out steel carpets on New Guinea for the reception of planes of the 19th Bombardment Group, Negro soldiers have assisted materially in avenging the infamy of Pearl Harbor, perpetrated by the Japanese less than four months earlier.

24TH INFANTRY — The 24th Infantry Regiment was the first all-Negro combat unit to face the Japanese when it landed in the North Georgia Islands two days before the Battle of the Coral Sea, May 4-7, 1942. Men of this organization have been singled out by the Inspector General of the Army for their exceptionally meritorious conduct in routing the enemy from Saipan in the Marianas.

On December 1, 1942, Negro soldiers were included in the first contingent of American troops to arrive at Leda in India to construct the famed Leda (now Stilwell) Road. Utilizing a handful of bulldozers and a fleet of delapidated British lorries, the Negro Engineers had pushed the road 15 miles into the Patkai by January 1, 1943.

As early as January 23, 1943, ten Negro units, ranging from Engineer to Chemical Warfare Service outfits, had been commended by Gen. MacArthur for their "courage, spirit and devotion to duty" in expelling the enemy from Papua, New Guinea.

For extraordinary heroism displayed at Fordoch Harbor, New Guinea, on March 8, 1943, Private George Watson of Birmingham, Alabama, received the Distinguished Service Cross posthumously. Since that time the number of decorated soldiers of color has become legion.

In April, 1944, the 93rd Infantry Division had its taste of action at Empress Augusta Bay on Bougainville Island in the Solomons. By the end of that month, the 93rd had secured the Sava River and a portion of the land east of the Torokina River. The Division next went to the Treasury Island Group, thence to Morotai Island in the Dutch East Indies and more recently to the Philippines.

When the mighty B-29 Superfortresses first took off from China to hammer Japan proper, they taxied off of superb landing fields constructed by Negro Engineers from General Joseph W. Stilwell's China Burma India Theater. In the words of Mayor General Kenneth B. Wolfe: "They came with a battery of concrete mixers and put on the damndest exhibition of instantane-



ON SURVIVOR LEAVES — Woodley Wells, steward's mate, first class of Washington, D. C. left and Donald K. Carl, electrician's mate, second class, of Washington, recently arrived in San Francisco, Calif. enroute home on 30-day "survivor" leaves. The Washington bluejackets are survivors of landing craft sunk off the coast of Okinawa by a Japanese suicide plane. (Navy Photo)

Educational Reconversion Urged By Dr. A. Caliver

HAMPTON INSTITUTE, Va. — (SNS) — Declaring that education today has shown itself inadequate for contemporary needs, Dr. Amos C. Caliver, Senior Specialist in the U. S. Office of Education, called for a sweeping "educational reconversion" in the post-war era.

At the convocation of Dr. Stephen J. Wright, Dean of Faculty at the college, served as deputy for President Ralph P. Bridgman in conferring the master of arts degree up-

on 21 candidates the largest group of students ever to complete requirements for the master's degree at Hampton. Dr. Wright also awarded the bachelor of science degree to 60 graduates, 15 of whom received the degree with honors.

GIFT FOR ARTS — A gift of 155 dollars to be used in furthering the "Arts of the Theatre" festival instituted at Hampton this summer was presented to the college by James Henry Argrett of Jacksonville, Fla., president of the graduating class.

In his address Dr. Caliver stated that the educational reconversion must speed up learning, streamline curricula by getting rid of unimportant courses, revise methods of instruction to teach people better and enlarge its objectives, specifically in terms of the world-mindedness which will be intensified by the new age of atomic energy.

He said that the new conception of education will be "life-long" instead of limited to a few of the individual's life and that it will be "personality-wide" instead of aiming simply to develop the mind. It will have new objectives and new materials, taken from life rather than from theory, and it will have new methods, based on individual differences.

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Schools Benefit From Federal Works Program

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Plans for three of these communities include provisions for public schools for Negroes. Decatur, Georgia was allotted over \$40,000 for plans for a new \$100,000 Negro high school containing six classrooms, home economics department, science laboratory, auditorium, cafeteria, office, and storage rooms.

MACON TO BENEFIT — Macon, Georgia was allotted some \$20,000 for plans for the construction of a new Negro high school which will cost over \$400,000. This building will contain a vocational educational department, home economics department, trade shops, library, laboratory, auditorium, gymnasium, cafeteria, administration office, and classrooms.

Huntsville, Texas received \$4,600 for the blueprinting of a new high school which will cost about

Southern Editors Oppose Prejudice Talk In Congress

Poll Centering Around Eastland Statements Shows Fair Attitude

NASHVILLE, TENN. — (SNS) — Southern editors are overwhelmingly opposed to the recent expressions of racial prejudice in Congress and feel such statements do not represent the true feeling of the south, the Southern Conference for Human Welfare disclosed this week in revealing the results of a poll of 251 white newspaper editors in the thirteen southern states.

In releasing the results of the survey, Dr. Clark Foreman, President of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, at its New York headquarters pointed that the poll would be one of the most forceful arguments when proponents of a permanent Fair Employment Practices Committee and anti-poll tax legislation press for Congressional action after Congress reconvenes.

ON EASTLAND TALK

The poll centering around the statement of U. S. Senator James Eastland (D. of Miss.) that "The Negro soldier was an utter and abysmal failure in combat in Europe. He has disgraced the flag of his country" revealed that 75% of southern editors believe this view did not reflect the "prevailing opinion of southern people." Only 10% voted yes on this question, 14% undecided. Eighty-three percent scored Senator Eastland's statement as "A hazard to the nation's war effort." Only 5% supported his views.

According to Dr. Foreman the poll also indicated the growing opposition of southern publications to the anti-Negro, anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic statements made by Senators Bilbo and Eastland during the Congressional debate on extending wartime FEPC. Dr. Foreman said,

"In my opinion this is one of the most encouraging signs that the people of the south are becoming increasingly aware of the dangerous and unfounded sentiments of such men as Senators Eastland and Bilbo. Congressman John Rankin. For the first time we have documentary evidence that these demagogues belong to a dead order, and represent no on but themselves, and a handful of reactionaries who feed on their patronage."

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Jobs For All Called First Peace Objective

Rising Standard Of Living Also Among Peace Aims

WASHINGTON — Jobs for all those willing and able to work was listed last week by John W. Snyder, Director of the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion as the first of four major economic objectives of peace time production.

In a report to President Truman titled "From War to Peace: A Challenge," and designed to answer the specific questions upon most in the minds of the most of the people, Director Snyder declared: "The goal of our economy now that peace has come is in a sense, the same as it was in war: production."

"Only a peacetime production, vastly expanded over anything this or any other nation has ever seen will make possible the attainment of the four major economic objectives which face us in the months ahead. These objectives conceive to be:

JOBS FOR ALL — (1) Jobs for all those willing and able to work.

(2) A steadily rising standard of living.

(3) Stabilization of our economy to avoid a disastrous inflation or deflation.

(4) Increased opportunities for farmers and businessmen.

"The switch from full wartime output to full peacetime output requires a number of positive and immediate steps. The plant and equipment, materials and man power engaged in war production must be released by immediate cancellation of all war contracts no longer needed.

"The armed services must be demobilized without delay.

RETAIN SOME CONTROLS — "Some controls must be removed to speed reconversion and expansion. Other controls must be retained for exactly the same reason.

"Prices and rents must be held in line until an abundant supply and sharpened competition can operate to prevent ruinous inflationary prices. At the same time measures must be taken to oppose the rapid shrinking of purchasing power if business is to reach and hold high levels of production and employment. Strikes must be held to a minimum."

ENDORSE EMPLOYMENT BILL — The American Council on Race Relations this week went on record as endorsing one hundred per cent the Wagner-Murray full employment bill which according to A. A. Liveright, executive director of the



ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT — Edward R. Rodriguez, foster son of Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, well-known American Red Cross worker who aided our fighting forces through the war in its African, Italian, and European phases, has returned to Europe after a speaking tour in the States. As announced by Mr. Jesse O. Thomas, Assistant to the Vice Chairman, Domestic Services, American Red Cross, Mr. Rodriguez is making a survey of American Red Cross facilities, available and projected, for our Negro troops in Europe. (Photo from the American Red Cross.)

Expect Colonial Education Aid

WASHINGTON — (ANP) — The organization established at the London conference of allied ministers of education in November is being viewed here as a "potentially significant agency for the improvement of education for colonial and other dependent peoples."

Dr. Charles Thompson, dean of the graduate school of Howard university last week considered that the organization would make a "distinct" contribution if under the provisions of the United Nations charter it did no more than prepare objective and critical reports on the education of colonial and dependent peoples.

His comments were directed to the draft constitution for an educational organization later to be affiliated with the United Nations. The state department here had just released the text of the draft.

TO GO FURTHER

"It is hoped, however, that the conference will go much further and define objectives and conditions which would be set up, to provide the type of education necessary for the real advancement of all colonials," Dr. Thompson said.

"It has been felt," he added, "if not definitely recognized, by statesmen and educators alike, that the educational machinery generally provided for such peoples has been in the interest of the exploiter instead of the exploited. Such an organization as is here in process might give real meaning to the charter pronouncements, that education should be in the interest of the people."

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